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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS ON ITALIAN IMPORTS OF JAPANESE

TAPE RECORDERS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2857

1. SOURCES IN THE JAPANESE MISSION TO THE EC HAVE  
INFORMED US THAT JAPAN HOPES TO CONCLUDE WITH ITALY  
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BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY JAPAN

WOULD RESTRAIN ITS IMPORT OF TAPE RECORDERS TO ITALY  
IN RETURN FOR WHICH ITALY WOULD ALLOW ITS CURRENT IMPORT  
QUOTAS ON TAPE RECORDERS TO LAPSE.

2. THE CURRENT ITALIAN QUOTAS FOR TAPE RECORDERS  
FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1973 ALLOW IMPORTS OF 150,000  
UNITS. THIS CORRESPONDS TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF 300,000  
OF WHICH THE JAPANESE ESTIMATE THAT THEIR "NORNAL SHARE"  
WOULD BE 270,000 UNITS.

3. THE JAPANESE ARE NOW PROPOSING TO PUT INTO EFFECT  
VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE ITALIANS TO  
TERMINATE UNILATERAL CONTROLS. AS A STARTING OFFER THE  
JAPANESE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THEY RESTRAIN THEIR  
EXPORTS TO ITALY TO 350,000 UNITS. OUR SOURCES  
SPECULATE THAT JAPAN WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE DOWN  
TO 320,000 UNITS, I.E., AN INCREASE OF 50,000 UNITS OVER  
THE CURRENT RATE OF SALES.

4. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE US HAS ALSO BEEN CAUGHT BY  
THE ITALIAN QUOTAS AIMED AT JAPAN. THE JAPANESE  
SAID THEY HAD INFORMED THE ITALIANS THAT HAD  
THEIR QUOTAS FALLEN SOLELY ON JAPAN, JAPAN WOULD HAVE  
RAISED THE ISSUE IN GATT AS BEING CONTRARY TO MFN  
PRINCIPLES. THE JAPANESE STATED THAT IF THEY SHOULD  
REACH AGREEMENT WITH ITALY, ELIMINATION OF THE ITALIAN  
QUOTAS WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO US SALES OF TAPE  
RECORDERS TO ITALY.HARTMAN

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